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NOTICE

ARRIVALS.

November 10, DECIMA, German steamer, 1,151, P. Oestmann, Newchwang 2nd November, and Chefoo 3rd, General—ED. SCHELLERASS & CO.

November 10, AMERIQUE, British str.

1,382, Mastvial, Calcutta 2nd October, Sandheads 23rd, Penang 3rd, and Singapore 3rd-Nov., Opium and General—DAVID SASSOON, SON & CO.

November 10, CHIN TURN, British steamer, 1,211, F. Wallace, Singapore 2nd November, General—RUSSELL & CO.

November 10, C. RODERICKS, German str., 506, Schulz, Newchwang 31st Oct., Boats—SIELEMSEN & CO.

November 10, ANTHONY, British steamer, 923, Thomson, Newchwang 8th Nov., Bulbuls—CARTAIN.

November 10, PAE, German bark, 639, J. F. Gills, Newchwang 27th Oct., Boats—PUTTAN & CO.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE, 10TH NOVEMBER.

Stained Glass, Siam, ship, for Bangkok. Cruiser, British str., for Swatow.

Proprietary, British str., for Nagasaki.

Billy Simpson, British bark, for Bangkok.

Prism, British str., for Singapore.

Carl Ritter, German bark, for Whampoa.

Adolph, German bark, for Whampoa.

Saltex, British str., for Haiphong.

Anatolia, British str., for Ichikow.

Amoy, British str., for Shanghai.

Fokko, British str., for Shanghai.

Grande, Am. str., for New York.

Cassandra, German str., for Kuching.

DEPARTURES.

November 10, NELLIE, French corvette, for Keelung.

November 10, WANDERER, British sloop, for Amoy.

November 10, FOOKSANG, British steamer, for Shanghai.

November 10, AMY, British str., for Shanghai.

November 10, CASANDRA, German str., for Kuching.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVE.

Per Decima, str., from Newchwang and Chefoo—10 Chinese.

Per Ararat, American str., from Calcutta, &c.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. and child, Miss Agnes, and 250 Chinese, deck.

Per Chien-chen, str., from Singapore—4 Europeans, and 67 Chinese, deck.

Per Afrik, str., from Swatow—30 Chinese.

DEPART.

Per Rosita, str., for Shanghai—Mr. and Mrs. Bradford, the Misses Bradford (2), Mr. Oubray, and Mr. C. D. Poindexter.

Per P. & O. str., Viceroy, from Hongkong—For Singapore, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Leslie, Miss Dennis, and Mr. G. H. Pease. For Parang—Mr. T. Kufahl, For London—Captain Brackenbury, R. A. Masters John, Norman, and Egbert Macmillan, and John Eccles. For London via Marselles—Messrs. W. Graham, H. Glynn, and M. H. Fotheringham. For New York—Misses F. and M. Shand, Mrs. F. S. Simpson—Misses R. L. Andrews, a servant, and J. H. Wong, and servant. For Bombay—Mr. and Mrs. Reuber, and infant. For London—Misses R. E. Nelson, R. N., and E. Wells. From Yokohama—For Singapore—Mr. M. C. Butler, For London—Misses J. L. Parker, R. Nowlan, C. E. Wright, E. Steel, A. W. Wyatt, Shido, Yamakawa, Kameya, Ichihara, and C. Smart.

REPORTS.

The British steamer Ararat, American steamer, in China Sea light Northern wind and fine weather.

The British steamer Ching-chen, reports left Singapore on the 2nd Inst., and had fresh breeze with equally and dirty weather first part; latter part fresh monsoon and fine weather.

SHANGHAI SHIPPING.

October 30, Foochow, British str., from Hongkong.

31, Kiang-chen, American str., from Ningpo.

30, Iug, German str., from Nagasaki.

30, Curious, British str., from Choofo.

30, Sud, British str., from Haikow.

30, Shanghai, British str., from Haikow.

30, Fung-han, American str., from Tientsin.

31, Peiping, British str., from Tientsin.

31, Pooh, American str., from Tientsin.

31, Fudan, American str., from Hongkong.

31, Yangtze, British str., from Hongkong.

31, Felling, British str., from Swatow.

31, Yuen Wo, British str., from Haikow.

31, Choofo, British str., from Choofo.

31, Yortone, Maru, British str., from Kanton.

31, Omega, British str., from Nagasaki.

31, Peiping, American str., from Tientsin.

31, King-chen, American str., from Haikow.

31, Virginian, British str., from Haikow.

31, Chihay, British str., from Kanton.

31, El Dorado, British str., from Tientsin.

31, Sin Nanjing, British str., from Tientsin.

31, Glenfrank, British str., from London.

31, Hsueh-hsin, American str., from Tientsin.

31, Fud Wo, British str., from Haikow.

31, Dore, British str., from Swatow.

30, Augusto, French bark, for Singapore.

30, Taku, British str., for Foochow.

31, Kiang-pung, Chinese str., from Haikow.

31, Kiang-chen, American str., for Ningpo.

31, Hidemoto Maru, Japanese str., for Kanton.

31, Ing, German str., for Nagasaki.

31, Nippon Maru, Japanese str., for Nagasaki.

31, Standard, British str., from New York.

31, Taiwo, British str., for Haikow.

31, Wissens, German str., for Haikow.

31, Fung-han, American str., for Tientsin.

31, Ichang, British str., for Ningpo.

31, Foochow, British str., for Hongkong.

31, Standard, British str., for Haikow.

31, Iug, British str., for Haikow.

31, Burgo, British str., for Hongkong.

31, Kiang-chen, American str., for Ningpo.

31, Foo-ye, American str., for Foochow.

31, Newchwang, British str., for Chinkiang.

31, Yuen Wo, British str., for Haikow.

31, G. H. Wappens, British bark, for Foochow.

31, Foo-ye, American str., for Foochow.

31, Yangtze, British str., for Hongkong.

31, Felling, British str., for Tientsin.

31, Choofo, British str., for Choofo.

31, M. A. Dixon, British bark, for Amoy.

31, Yortone, Maru, British str., for Kuching.

31, Peiping, British str., for Ningpo.

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MARRIAGES.—At H.B.M.'s Lodge, Peking, on the 28th October, by the Reverend William Broughton, JAMES JOHNSTONE, youngest son of the late Thomas Johnstone, Esq., M.P., and Mrs. Johnstone, of St. George's Park, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., His Britannic Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to China.

On the 1st instant, at St. John's Cathedral, by the Rev. W. Jennings, M.A., Colonel Chaplain, JAMES CONNELL HUGHES to MARY LINTZER, only daughter of the late Hon. C. May.

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The Chinese soldier's room is everywhere preferable to his company. He is regarded by the Chinese civil population as a chartered libertine, whose demands it is dangerous to refuse. Thus when a body of troops passes through a district they unhesitatingly congregate to their own possessions and goods, which they either require or fancy. Fortune indeed is the population that they escape without extortions in money or insults to their female relations. The Chinese soldier is, like his *confrere* in other countries, accustomed to think himself a fine fellow, privileged to adopt a cavalier tone towards the civil population; but, unlike European troops, he is not amenable to discipline, and is often quite uncontrollable. Yet for much that is brigand-like and objectionable about him, the Chinese soldier is really not responsible. He is a man of few wants, and if these were supplied, he would probably be no more of a roysterer and an outlaw than the soldier of the West. His thievish propensities are mainly induced by want and hunger: kept without pay sometimes for months together, he has no resources but to levy blackmail on the people. The evils of this system of allowing the pay of the troops to fall into arrear for months and even years has often been dilated upon in the foreign Press in China; it has formed the substance of many official memorials to the Throne, which have produced the usual languid decree approving the suggestions made; but the evil, which strikes at the root of all efficiency in the army, is rampant as ever, and will continue so long as corrupt mandarins can appropriate the men's hard earnings. Even when China is at war with a foreign power, the soldiers are not punctually paid. The *N. C. D. M. News*, says that the pay of the soldiers sent to fight the French is months in arrear, and adds:—"The chief difficulty experienced by Lieut. Ming-ch'au in Formosa at the present moment is said to be his utter lack of money for the troops; and while the pitiful appeals are made to Peking for assistance are intercepted en route and tampered with by venal mandarins there seems little chance of his receiving any relief. When Tso-tsu-tang left Peking some weeks ago he made all the necessary arrangements for his duties in Fukien but those for the pay of his troops. This most important matter, by a singular coincidence, he seems to have overlooked; and on his arrival at Nanking, when he applied to the Provincial Treasury for funds, found that nothing but the most trivial amount could be spared." Recently some of the recruits at Shanghai made a raid upon the shops in Hungkow, and the Acting Chairman of the Municipal Council, in a letter addressed to the Senior Consul, dated the 28th October, asked him to bring the matter to the notice of the Tao-tai and requesting him to move the men away from the Settlement, wrote:—"I have the honour to inform you that about 250 recruits for the Chinese Army are at present quartered in Li Hongkow, on the North side of the Seward road, who are only receiving 24 to 30 cash each per diem, or the equivalent in rice. As this is barely sufficient to support life, they are in a state of great destitution, and yesterday afternoon several shopkeepers from the neighbourhood came to the Police Station, complaining that a number of these men had entered their shops, and seized all the food they could lay their hands on, in consequence of which they were compelled to close their houses. Many of the men are known to the Police as bad characters, having been confined in the Municipal Gaol, and as at present they are practically under no control, the two headsmen who had charge of them having gone to Foochow; they are a positive source of danger to the peace and good order of the Settlement." We have seen some of the Chinese soldiers at Canton and elsewhere behaving very quietly and peacefully, and doubt not, if regularly paid and properly disciplined, they would soon learn to conduct themselves in such a manner as to give no offence to the people among whom they were quartered and no cause to dread their presence. This is a question of serious import to China at the present moment. Unless her soldiers are fed and paid it is absurd

to suppose the feeble spark of patriotism which may animate some will remain alive. Punished men will not fight, unless it is with the hope of plunder, and to gain this it is just as likely that they will turn against the employers who rob them of their pay. It is a dangerous experiment to put arms and ammunition into the hands of large bodies of men and at the same time withhold their pay from them. It is a wonder that there are not more rebellions in China under the circumstances. But the Chinese are so thoroughly accustomed to cruelty, corruption, and squeezing by their officials that they will endure abuse with astonishing patience, and thus even the most turbulent soldiers will wait uncomplainingly for months for their slender pay, so long as they are tacitly permitted to prey on the unlucky district in which they are quartered. It is upon the peaceful trader and agriculturist that the ultimate burden of all official infamy lies, and it is seldom indeed that these classes are able to make their voices heard to get their grievances redressed. The soldier can desert or revolt, and it is probable that if the present war lasts long, desertion will do more than losses on the field to thin the ranks of the Celestial army.

The French serjeant, Nielly, Captain des Asas, left again for Keling yesterday morning.

The Police went into their winter uniform last night, the sudden fall in the temperature rendering the change most desirable.

Captain Brackenbury, T.A., having completed his term of service abroad, and been relieved by Captain Maturin, R.A., leaves for home to-day by mail steamer *Verona*.

The French Government transport *Mitho* arrived at Singapore on the 31st October from Brazil with 500 troops, and, having loaded, left the following morning for Saldan and Tonqua.

The Russian cruiser *Groyz*, Captain Osto, arrived at Plymouth Sound on the 27th September, from Cherbourg, en route to China, and was to remain at Plymouth for a week to effect necessary repairs. The *Groyz* has been on this station before.

We (Sister *Thrice*) learn that the instructions which the French Government has decided to send to Tonqua and Formosa will be brought out in Government transports and chartered steamers of the *Messageries Maritimes*. They are expected here about the middle of next month.

The *Kiogo News* says—His Excellency Sir George Bowen, Governor of Hongkong, arrived in Osaka from Kioto on the 28th October. A carriage was sent from the Fusho to receive him at the railway station, and His Excellency visited the garrison, Arsenal, and Mint during the day.

A novel and pleasing idea in the way of New Year Cards has just come to hand. It is a New Year photograph, issued by Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, and contains a well-selected group of views of Hongkong, Shanghai, and Hankow, with pagodas at Peking, Wuchang, Chinkiang, and Singapore. In the centre is a highly respectable, well-dressed Chinaman, the date 1885, and a verse in English, of greeting for the new year.

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